



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is a serious genetic disorder associated with liver disease in infants, children and adults, and lung disease in young adults; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and*

*WHEREAS, one in 37 people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and*

*WHEREAS, 80,000 to 100,000 U.S. citizens are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency, and 20 million more are thought to be affected with a milder deficiency; and*

*WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is misdiagnosed and under diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and under diagnosed disorder;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2007, to be*

**ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho, and to continue and expand education and promote access to quality care and services for all people affected by Alpha-1.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.*

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Ben Ysursa is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE